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- This land has a huge environmental impact on both wildlife and the land with zero consideration for the **protected Golden Eagles** nesting nearby & other wildlife including elk herds, deer, bear & other birds of prey.
- There are **55 other parcels** of land available for development within Douglas County. The commissioners chose land with the **highest environmental impact**.
- This park is to be funded and managed by **private partnerships**, yet Douglas County is asking the **taxpayers** to fund the study for these for-profit private entities.
- This parcel is surrounded by **1000's of acres** of the HRCA Backcountry Wilderness and Daniel's Park. Any development beyond passive recreation will affect the surrounding wildlife with **air, light and noise pollution**.
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